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The Honorable Thomas Wheeler Chairman Federal Communications Commission 445 Twelfth Street Southwest Washington, DC 20554

In the Matter of Applications of AT&T and DIRECTV to Transfer Control of FCC Licenses and Other Authorizations; MB Docket No. 14-90

Dear Chairman Wheeler:

On behalf of the Washington State Labor Council, AFL-CIO, and our over 400,000 affiliated union members, I write in support of the proposed merger of AT&T and DIRECTV.

We believe that the merger of these two companies will create a more competitive market for TV, broadband, and video services for consumers, which should help lower prices and improve the overall quality of service to the public. We also believe that the merger will expedite the expansion of high-speed broadband, which will enhance job growth across our country at a time when "real" unemployment remains too high.

Finally, AT&T is a solid employer that has a reputation for respecting the rights and voice of workers at the workplace, including the right to unionization. The merger of AT&T and DIRECTV will create the type of exemplary employer we need to rebuild the strength of our economy and create a sense of economic fairness.

In Solidarity

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